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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS.

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CB - converted boxcar, B - boxcar, F - flatcar, RRym - Heavy-duty flatcar

1.		troop trains		between 7 and 11 May 1954:
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Date in	Composition of	From	To
May	Troop Trains		

7	5 CB, 25 F	Brand	Neubukow
	1 CB, 2 F	Zossen	Neustrelitz
	1 CB, 2 F	"	"
	1 CB, 4 F	"	"
	1 CB, 2 F	Muensdorf	Rudolstadt
	1 CB, 3 F	"	Magdeburg
	2 CB, 6 F	"	Lossa
	1 CB, 4 F	"	Suhl
	1 CB, 3 F	"	Stendal
	1 CB, 5 F	"	Oschatz
	1 CB, 4 F	"	Ohrdruf

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11	3 CB, 5 B, 10 F	Finsterwalde	Werneuchen
	18 CB, 19 B, 17 F	Klausä	Wustermark

2. The Berlin railroad district headquarters was ordered to make available four shuttle-trains with a total of 30 CB, 14 B, 13 F and 14 kitchen cars which, on 14 May, were to be dispatched empty to Brest Litovsk via Frankfurt/Oder. Additional empty trains to Brest Litovsk included 1 train of 60 boxcars, and 2 trains of 60 flatcars each on 15 May; and 1 train of 60 converted boxcars on 16 May.⁴

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3. On 11 May, the Frankfurt/Oder railroad subdistrict office ordered assembling of all transitworthy flatcars.⁴

4. On 9 May, a troop train of 2 converted boxcars and 20 boxcars with personnel, 25X1
and 5 flatcars with T-34 tanks [] and SP guns [] was 25X1
observed at the Wustermark railroad station. The train went toward Dallgow-Doesberitz.

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5. Troop trains identified [redacted] between 4 and 8 May included:

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Date in May	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
4	9 B, 17 F, 7 RRym 41 B, 39 F, 10 RRym	Brandenburg Potsdam	Altenrabow "
	36 B, 35 F, 8 RRym	Wildpark	"
5	20 B, 14 F, 5 RRym 27 B, 19 F, 9 RRym	" Potsdam	" "
7	13 B, 19 F 11 B, 25 F	Eberswalde "	Justerbog "
8	4 B, 24 F	Brand	Neubukow

1. [] Comment. The troop train which carried an air force unit was previously reported. []

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2. [] Comment. [] these troop trains carried details belonging to the headquarters of commanding officers of summer camps. Observations near the Kindel and Templin troop training grounds in 1953 indicated that, outside the troop training grounds, details were stationed responsible for a complete blocking of the training area. It is believed that similar measures have also been taken in the summer of 1954, and that pertinent details were dispatched by the GDFG headquarters.

3. [] Comment. [] the troop trains carried air force units.

4. [] Comment. Conclusions on the dispatching of empty trains to Brest Litovsk cannot yet be drawn. The composition of the shuttle-trains indicates that these trains may be used either for transportation of troops or for shipments of personnel such as Soviet dependents and German POWs. Flatcars are suitable for carrying motor vehicles, heavy weapons and equipment, and supply goods. The two trains of 60 flatcars each which were to be dispatched on 15 May 1954 are not necessarily connected with the shuttle-trains.

5. [] Comment. [] a tank unit of the 1st Mech Div.

6. [] Comment. The troop trains were previously reported and belonged to the movement of components of the 34th Arty Div (US) from Potsdam, and of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) from Brandenburg to the Altenrabow troop training grounds.

7. [] Comment. Previous information on the movement of components of the 63rd AAA Div (US) to combat firing practice in the Justerbog area fails to clearly indicate whether one or two troop trains operated. []

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